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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Zimmer

Application No.: 09/554,793

Group No.: 1743

Filed: September 19, 2000

Examiner:

Quan, Elizabeth S.

For: Capillary Active Test Element Having an Intermediate Layer

Situated Between the Support and the Covering

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

### AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2002, a two-month extension of time, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.

### In the drawings

Please add new Figures 3-6 to the application. The new figures are set forth in the Proposed New Figures attached hereto.

#### In the abstract

Please amend the abstract as set forth in the Clean Version of Replacement Abstract for Entry During Prosecution of US Application No. 09/554,793, as well as a Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.

## In the specification

Please amend the specification as set forth in the Clean Version of Replacement Paragraphs for Entry During Prosecution of US Application No. 09/554,793, as well as a Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.

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